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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN OIL SCHEME

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1. EXACT VALUE OF REBATE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME SINCE PRICE REFERENCE FOR CALCULATIONS IS FOB VENE-ZUELA AND MAY BE ADJUSTED EACH QUARTER. ACCORDING TO BANK OF GUATEMALA OFFICIAL DEPOSIT MADE FOR FIRST OUARTER REBATE SLIGHTLY OVER \$8 MILLION BASED ON FOB PRICE OF APPROXIMATELY \$11 PER BARREL. TOTAL REBATE TO GUATEMALA BASED ON AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF 14,800 BARRELS. IF CONSUMPTION FALLS BELOW THAT LEVEL REBATE IS MADE ON BASIS OF ACTUAL CONSUMP-TION. IF CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS 14,800 BPD NO REBATE IS MADE ON EXCESS. ANY ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY ARE TO BE MADE IN FINAL QUARTER CALUCLATIONS. ASSUMING NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IF FOB VENEZUELA PRICE THROUGOUT 1975 MAXIMUM REBATE VALUE WILL THEREFORE EQUAL \$25 MILLION. IF FOB PRICE INCREASES DURING THE YEAR THE TOTAL REBATE CAN, OF COURSE, EXCEED THAT FIGURE. SINCE PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION IS GREATER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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14,800 BPD THE MAXIMUM REBATE IS LIKELY TO BE REALIZED.

2. HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY OF THE REBATE WILL BE UTILIZED UNDER SIX YEAR PROVISIONS. GUATEMALA IS NOT EXPERIENCING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PRESSURES (SEE GUATEMALA A-007) AND IS THEREFORE PLANNING TO USE FUNDS AS LONG TERM LOANS.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE NO NEED CURRENTLY EXISTS FOR RECOURSE TO IMF PETROLEUM FACILITY.

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